

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a corrupt and unethical attempt to influence the course of the elections.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obliged by law to serve the public interest. But their recent actions demonstrate that when large companies control the airwaves, public debate is unduely influnced by corporate interests.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,
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